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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF YORK.

FIRST MEETING, 1850.

MONDAY, 28th January, 1850.

The Council met at 2 P. M., at the Court House, in the City of Toronto, pursuant to the provisions of the 34 sec. 12 Vic. cap. 81.

It was moved that the Clerk do take the Chair.

The following gentlemen answered their names and took their seats as Town Reeves and Deputy Town Reeves, elected by the several Township and Village Municipal Councils in the County, that is to say:—

For the Township of Albion—Hugh Abercrombie, Reeve, John Lindsay, Deputy.

" Brock—Robert Sproule, Reeve.

" Chinguacousy—George Wright, Reeve, James Hamilton, Deputy.

" Caledon—Reeve, John Kirkwood, Deputy.

" Etobicoke—William Gamble, Reeve, Richard Wadsworth, Deputy.

" Georgina—Charles Howard, Reeve.

" North Gwillimbury—Isaac Bennett, Reeve.

" East Gwillimbury—William Nelson, Reeve.

For the Gore of Toronto—Thomas Graham, Reeve.

For the Township of King—George Hughes, Reeve, Joseph Wells, Deputy.

" Markham—Amos Wright, Reeve, David Reesor, Deputy.

For the Township of Mara and Rama—Michael McDonagh, Reeve.

" Pickering— Reeve, R. A. Parker, Deputy.

" Reach—A. W. Ewers, Reeve, Thomas Paxton, Deputy.

" Scarboro'—Peter Secor, Reeve, John P. Wheeler, Deputy.

" Scott—Joseph K. Vernon, Reeve.

" Toronto—Joseph Wright, Reeve, Samuel Price, Deputy.

" Thorah—Kenneth Cameron, Esq., Reeve.

" Uxbridge—Joseph Gould, Reeve.

" Vaughan—John W. Gamble, Esq., Reeve, David Bridgford, Esq., Deputy.

" Whitby—Ezra Annis, Reeve, William Allison, Deputy.

" Whitechurch, Joseph Hartman, Esq., Reeve, Henry Wideman, Esq., Deputy.

" York—Franklin Jacques, Esq., Reeve, William James, Deputy.

For the Village of Oshawa—Thomas N. Gibbs, Esq., Reeve.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Joseph Hartman, moves

That Franklin Jacques, Esq., be the Warden for the present year.

YEAS—Annis, Allison, Bennett, Ewers, Gould, Hartman, Hughes, James, Kirkwood, McDonagh, Nelson, Parker, Paxton, Reesor, Vernon, Amos, Wright, Wheeler, Wideman—18.

NAYS—Abercrombie, Bridgford, Cameron, Gibbs, J. Gamble, W. Gamble, Graham, Hamilton, Howard, Lindsey, Price, Sproule, Joseph Wright, George Wright, Wadsworth, Wells—16.

Carried in the affirmative by a majority of two.

The Warden then took the Chair and addressed the Council.

Mr. W. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Bridgford, moves

That the Council do adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Carried.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 29th January, 1850. (Second Day.)

The Council met at 10 A. M.

The Warden in the Chair.

Names called over.

The Warden informed the Council that he had taken the oath of office before the Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench, and produced a certificate of the same.

Mr. Wm. Stone took his seat as Reeve for Caledon, and Mr. W. H. Michell as Reeve for Pickering.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Michell, moves

That John Elliott, the late District Clerk, be appointed to the office of Clerk of the County Council.

Carried.

The Clerk then took the oath of office as prescribed by the Statute.

Mr. Vernon, seconded by Mr. Gould, moves

That James S. Howard, late District Treasurer, be appointed the Treasurer for the County of York.

Carried.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. J. Gamble, moves

That a Committee of five members be appointed by ballot forthwith to recommend the number and names of the several Standing Committees of the Council.

Carried.

The Council then proceeded to the ballot, and the Warden declared the Committee to be composed of Messrs. Allison, J. Gamble, Gould, Hartman, and Michell.

Mr. J. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Wadsworth, moves

That a Committee be appointed to revise the Rules of the late Municipal Council of the Home District, and to report what to them shall appear proper for adoption by this Council, and that Messrs. Gould, Price, Hughez, and George Wright do compose that Committee.

Carried.

Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. George Wright, moves

That a special Committee, to be composed of five, be appointed forthwith by ballot, for the purpose of ascertaining the Books and Seals which may be requisite for each township in the County of York.

Lost by a majority of 21.

YEAS—Bennett, Gould, Graham, Hamilton, Vernon, George Wright—6.

NAYS—Annis, Abercrombie, Allison, Bridgford, Cameron, Ewers, Gibbs, J. Gamble, W. Gamble, Howard, Hartman, Hughes, Kirkwood, Michell, Nelson, Parker, Price, Paxton, Stone, Secor, Sproule, Reesor, Amos Wright, Joseph Wright, Wadsworth, Wells, Wideman—27.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Allison, moves

That Messrs. Jackes, W. Gamble, and Annis be appointed Commissioners to confer with the Government on the subject of the transfer of the Macadamized Roads and other Public Works, and that said Commissioners report to this Council at their earliest convenience.

The Warden laid on the table a communication from the Treasurer, including sundry statements on the financial affairs of the County.

The Council then adjourned until Four o'clock this day.

At Four o'clock the Council met again.

Mr. W. Gamble gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move that a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to the Legislature, praying them to grant to the Township Councils power to adjudicate in the recovery of small debts, to the extent of £20, as exercised at present by the Division Court, and further to obtain such powers as are necessary to settle disputed boundary lines within the respective townships, whose decision shall be final.

The Chairman of the Special Committee appointed by ballot to recommend the names of the Standing Committees of the Council, brought in a report, which was read; and

On motion of Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Hartman, ordered to be adopted. (*For Reports see Appendix.*)

The Chairman of the Special Committee to revise the standing rules of the Home District Council, brought in a report, which was read.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Price, moves

That the Rules just read by the Clerk be adopted, with the exception of the 53rd, which shall be amended by striking out the word "quarter."

Carried.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. J. Gamble, moves

That the Committee on Printing be instructed to procure, as soon as convenient, the printing of 100 copies of the Standing Rules of this Council with marginal notes, for the use of the Members.

Carried.

The Commissioners appointed to confer with the Executive Government on the subject of the Macadamized Roads, brought in a Report, which was received and read; and,

On motion of Mr. W. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Abercrombie, the Council went into Committee of the whole thereon.

Mr. Abercrombie in the Chair.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow. Report received.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 30th January, 1850. (*Third Day.*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

The names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

Petitions presented:—

By Mr. Gould—of J. Forsyth, for establishing a Town Line between Uxbridge and Whitechurch.

By Mr. Graham—for the allowance of Road in the Gore of Toronto to be placed on a permanent footing.

By the Warden—of John Blair, Housekeeper, for additional allowance on account of increased duties, &c.

The Warden laid on the table the Report of the Auditors on the Treasurer's accounts up to 30th September, 1849, with the vouchers showing the receipts to be £605 11s. 0d., and the disbursements to be £26,291 18s. 6d.

Also a communication from the Clerk, relating to the printing of the Proceedings and By-Laws of the late District Council for distribution to the Township Councils, &c.

Also, a communication from the Provincial Secretary enclosing an account for books furnished to County Register.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the first Report of the Commissioners on Macadamized Roads.

Mr. Abercrombie in the Chair.

Committee rose, reported, and asked leave to sit again this day.

Report received.

The following notices were given:—

By Mr. Hartman—to move to-morrow for the appointment of an Auditor for the County of York.

By Mr. McDonagh—for leave to bring in a By-Law regulating the allowance to Members of the County Council.

By Mr. Reesor—For leave to bring in a By-Law to authorize the Councillors of any two adjoining Townships to make provision for maintaining and improving the public highways between such Townships, by the appropriation of Statute Labour, or otherwise.

Mr. Annis, seconded by Dr. Allison, moves

That the Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the subject of assessing the County for the erection of Grammar Schools and assuming the debts of the Building Committee of the Grammar Schools, and to report to this Council as early as possible, by Bill or otherwise.

Carried.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. W. Gamble, moves

That the firm of Cumberland & Ridout be appointed Engineers of the County of York.

Lost.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Vernon, moves

That Frederick W. Cumberland, Esq., be appointed Engineer for the County of York.

Carried.

The Commissioners appointed to confer with the Government on the matter of the Macadamized Roads brought in a second report, which was received and read.

Mr. W. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Secor, moves

That the second Report of the Commissioners appointed to confer with the Government on the transfer of the Macadamized Roads be referred to the Committee of the whole.

Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the whole to resume the consideration of the Report of the Commissioners on Macadamized Roads.

Mr. Abercrombie in the Chair.

The Committee rose, and reported a resolution.

On the question being put for receiving the Report,

Mr. J. W. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Reesor, moves

That the Report be not received, but that it be referred back to the Committee to fill up the blank with £80,000 instead of £40,000.

Carried by a majority of one.

YEAS—Abercrombie, Bridgford, J. Gamble, W. Gamble, Graham, Howard, Hartman, James, Kirkwood, Lindsay, Price, Stone, Reesor, Amos Wright, Joseph Wright, Wadsworth, Wells, Wideman—18.

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The Council went again into Committee of the whole, and reported the resolution as amended.

On the question for receiving the report the yeas and nays were taken :—

YEAS—Abercrombie, Bridgford, J. Gamble, W. Gamble, Graham, Howard, Hartman, James, Lindsey, Kirkwood, Price, Stone, Reesor, Amos Wright, Joseph Wright, Wadsworth, Wells, Wideman—18.

NAYS—Annis, Allison, Bennet, Cameron, Ewers, Gibbs, Gould, Hamilton, Michell, McDonagh, Nelson, Parker, Paxton, Secor, Sproule, Vernon, George Wright, Wheeler—18.

The Warden voted with the Yeas.

So the report was received.

The resolution was read as follows :—

Resolved—That the Warden be instructed to make an offer to the Government of £60,000, for the transfer of the Macadamized Roads to the County Council, payable in 20 years, with the understanding that the term may be extended twenty years longer, should the Council require it; the above sum to bear interest at the rate of five per cent.

On the question for adoption,

Dr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Nelson, moves

That it be not adopted, but that it be amended by striking out the sum of £60,000, and inserting the sum of £10,000.

Lost by a majority of 10.

YEAS—Annis, Allison, Cameron, Ewers, Gibbs, Gould, McDonagh, Nelson, Paxton, Secor, Sproule, George Wright—13.

NAYS—Abercrombie, Bennett, Bridgford, J. Gamble, W. Gamble, Graham, Hamilton, Howard, Hartman, James, Kirkwood, Lindsay, Michell, Parker, Price, Stone, Reesor, Amos Wright, Joseph Wright, Wadsworth, Wells, Wheeler, Wideman—23.

Dr. Allison, seconded by Mr. McDonagh, in amendment, moves

That the sum of £60,000 be expunged, and that of £40,000 be inserted.

Lost by a majority of six.

YEAS—Annis, Allison, Cameron, Ewers, Gibbs, Gould, Nelson, Parker, Paxton, Secor, Sproule, Vernon, George Wright, Wheeler—14.

NAYS—Abercrombie, Bridgford, J. Gamble, W. Gamble, Graham, Hamilton, Howard, Hartman, James, Kirkwood, Lindsey, Michell, Price, Stone, Reesor, Amos Wright, Joseph Wright, Wadsworth, Wells, Wideman—20.

Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Gould, moves,

That the resolution be not adopted, but that it be amended by expunging the sum of £60,000, and inserting the sum of £50,000.

Lost by a majority of five.

YEAS—Annis, Allison, Bennett, Cameron, Ewers, Gibbs, Gould, McDonagh, Nelson, Paxton, Secor, Sproule, Vernon, George Wright, Wheeler—15.

NAYS—Abercrombie, Bridgford, J. Gamble, W. Gamble, Graham, Hamilton, Howard, Hartman, James, Kirkwood, Lindsey, Michell, Price, Stone, Reesor, Amos Wright, Joseph Wright, Wadsworth, Wells, Wideman—20.

The original resolution was then put and carried.

YEAS—Abercrombie, Bridgford, J. Gamble, W. Gamble, Graham, Hamilton, Howard, Hartman, James, Kirkwood, Lindsey, Price, Stone, Reesor, Amos Wright, Joseph Wright, Wadsworth, Wells, Wideman—19.

NAYS—Annis, Allison, Bennett, Cameron, Ewers, Gibbs, Gould, Michell, McDonagh, Nelson, Parker, Paxton, Secor, Sproule, Vernon, George Wright, Wheeler—17.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves

That it be resolved—That if, in the event of the Government acceding to the proposition of transferring the Macadamized Roads to the County Council, the arrangement should be made with the understanding that if, in the event of this County being divided into two or more Counties, by taking a County or Counties from either the east, west, or northern portions of the County, that then, and in such case, the new County or Counties shall not be held or considered responsible for any portion of the debt so contracted, unless a portion of the Road or Roads should extend into the said new County or Counties, and then only to an extent proportionate to the benefit derived from Tolls collected in said new County or Counties.

Carried.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, 31st January, 1850. (Fourth Day.)

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. James, moves

That Thomas Bell, Esquire, be appointed one of the Auditors for the County of York.

Carried.

The Warden informed the Council that in accordance with the 12 Victoria, Chapter 81, sec. 143, he nominated Robert Beekman to be an Auditor for the County.

Mr. J. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Bridgford, moves

For leave to bring up the petition of certain inhabitants of Vaughan, and that the 53rd Rule of the Council be dispensed with for that purpose.

Carried.

Mr. Gamble then presented the petition of J. Michell and 42 others of the township of Vaughan, praying for the establishment of certain boundaries in said Township.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Bridgford, moves

That the petition of James Mitchell and of certain other inhabitants of the Township of Vaughan, be referred to a Special Committee to report thereon to this Council, by bill or otherwise, and that Messrs. Bridgford, Abercrombie, Secor, and Stone do compose said Committee.

Carried.

Mr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Gibbs, moves

For leave to bring in a By-Law to regulate the allowance to Town Reeves and Deputy Town Reeves for their attendance at the Council.

Carried.

The By-Law was then read the first time, and

On motion to suspend the 34th Rule being carried, was read the second time, and the Council went into Committee thereon.

Dr. Allison in the Chair.

The Committee rose, reported the By-Law with some amendments.

Report received, and By-Law ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought in their first report, which was received and read.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought in their first report, which was received and read; and

On motion of Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Annis, ordered to be adopted.

Mr. W. Gamble, seconded by Col. Cameron, moves

That it be resolved,—That the following gentlemen be appointed Commissioners on behalf of this Council, to confer and arrange with the City authorities and to report at its next session, what sum the city will agree to pay to the Council for the use of the Jail and Court House for city purposes, viz:—J. W. Gamble, W. Gamble, and F. Jackes, and that Mr. F. W. Cumberland act as the Secretary to said Commissioners.

Carried.

Mr. W. Gamble, seconded by Mr. McDonagh, moves

That a Committee be appointed to examine and report, by address or otherwise, to the Council, upon such Acts of Parliament as bear upon this Council, requiring alteration, in order to the harmonious working of the present County Council Act, and also to take into consideration the propriety of applying for additional power in the appointment of all County officers, as well as for adjudicating on the recovery of matters of contract and evidences of debt not exceeding £20, as exercised by the present Division Courts, and further, to obtain such powers as are necessary to settle disputed boundary lines in the townships, whose decisions shall be final; and that the said Committee consist of Messrs. Michell, Reesor, Dr. Allison, Joseph Wright, and J. W. Gamble.

Carried.

Mr. Reesor, seconded by Mr. Gould, moves

For leave to bring in a Bill to authorize Township and other Municipalities to maintain and improve Roads and Bridges lying between such Municipalities.

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On motion to suspend the 34th Rule being carried, was read the second time, and the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Cameron in the Chair.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Report received.

The Warden laid on the table a Report of the County Engineer on the state of the County property, and the repairs necessary to be done to the same.

Mr. Lindsay gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a 'Bill appropriating thirty-five pounds to build a bridge on the town line between Albion and Chinguacousy, and also for an equal sum to build a bridge on the town line between King and Albion.

Mr. Gould gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a By-Law to provide for taking the census, and for the payment of Enumerators.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, 1st Feb.

Day.)

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

The Roll of names called.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The By-law to fix the allowance and mileage to members was read the third time.

On motion that the By-law do pass.

Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Gould, moves in amendment,

That the By-law do not pass, but that it be amended by striking out the words "seven shillings and sixpence," and inserting the words "six shillings and threepence."

Lost by a majority of 25.

YEAS—J. Gamble, Gould, Hughes, James, Nelson—5.

NAYS—Annis, Abercrombie, Allison, Bennett, Bridgford, Cameron, Ewers, Gibbs, W. Gamble, Graham, Hamilton, Howard, Hartman, Kirkwood, Lindsey, McDonagh, Parker, Price, Paxton, Stone, Secor, Sproule, Reesor, Vernon, Jos. Wright, Geo. Wright, Wadsworth, Wells, Wheeler, Wideman—30.

Mr. J. Gamble, seconded by Mr. W. Gamble moves

That the Bill do not now pass, but that it be amended by striking out all that part relating to mileage.

Lost by a majority of 11.

YEAS—Annis, Allison, Gibbs, J. Gamble, W. Gamble, Graham, Hamilton, James, Mitchell, Nelson, Parker, Wells—12.

NAYS—Abercrombie, Bennett, Bridgford, Cameron, Ewers, Gould, Howard, Hartman, Hughes, Kirkwood, Lindsey, McDonagh, Price, Paxton, Stone, Secor, Sproule, Reesor, Vernon, Jos. Wright, Geo. Wright, Wheeler, Wideman—23.

The By-law was then passed and signed.

The Council went into committee of the whole, on the By-law to provide for keeping in repair the roads and bridges on the township lines.

Dr. Allison in the Chair.

The Committee rose, reported the By-law.

Report received, and the By-law was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Hartman, moves

For leave to bring in a Bill to appoint Enumerators, and for providing for taking the census and statistics in this county, and for remunerating them for the same.

Carried.

The Bill was then read the first time.

On motion to suspend the 34th rule, as far as relates to the same being carried, was read the second time.

The Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Ewers in the Chair.

Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this day.

Report received.

After a short adjournment, the Council again went into Committee of the whole on the Bill.

Mr. Ewers in the Chair.

Committee rose, reported the By-law.

Report received, and the By-law read the third time and passed.

The Warden laid on the table the copy of a communication from the Provincial Secretary, on the subject of the macadamized roads, which was read.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Reesor, moves

That it be resolved, that in offering to take over from the Government the macadamized roads of the County of York, for the sum of £30,000, the Council feel assured, that they made the most liberal offer that prudence and a due regard for the interest of their constituents would permit, and that in declining that offer, they fear the Government have considered the matter in the light of a mere commercial transaction, and have overlooked the vast difference as regards the good of the community, which must follow in the event of these roads becoming the property of a Joint Stock Company, instead of that of the County. In the one case, any surplus revenues arising from the Tolls, after paying the interest and instalments annually, and eventually the whole revenue derivable from that source will be applicable to the extension of these roads, and other improvements intimately affecting the interests of the people of the County of York, while in the other case, the same revenue will be applicable solely for the benefit of the Stockholders of the Company; a consideration which this Council feel assured only requires to be brought under the notice of the Executive Government to receive from them that weight to which it appears to be so justly entitled.

On the question for adoption,

Dr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Annis, in amendment, moves

That a vote of thanks be given to the Government for declining the offer of £60,000 by the Municipal Council of the County of York, for the purpose of buying up the Macadamized Roads.

Lost by a majority of 22.

YEAS—Annis, Allison, Ewers, McDonagh, Nelson, Paxton—6.

NAYS—Abercrombie, Bridgford, Cameron, Gibbs, J. Gamble, W. Gamble, Gould, Graham, Hamilton, Howard, Hartman, James, Kirkwood, Lindsey, Michell, Parker, Price, Stone, Secor, Sproule, Reesor, Vernon, Amos Wright, Joseph Wright, George Wright, Wadsworth, Wells, Wideman—28.

For the original resolution,

YEAS—Abercrombie, Bridgford, J. Gamble, W. Gamble, Graham, Hamilton, Howard, Hartman, James, Kirkwood, Lindsay, Michell, Parker, Price, Stone, Secor, Reesor, Amos Wright, Joseph Wright, George Wright, Wadsworth, Wells, Wideman—23.

NAYS—Allison, Cameron, Ewers, Gibbs, Gould, McDonagh, Nelson, Paxton, Sproule, Vernon—10.

Carried by a majority of 13.

Mr. W. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Bridgford, moves

That the Warden be directed respectfully to address the Government, enclosing a copy of the resolution just adopted.

Carried.

Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Abercrombie, moves

For leave to bring in a Bill for a grant of money to build a bridge in each of the townships of Albion and Chinguacousy.

Carried.

The Bill was then read the first time.

On the question for reading the Bill a second time to-morrow,

Mr. J. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Lindsey moves

That the Bill be not read a second time to-morrow, but that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

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all rateable property, for general purposes, which was read the first time, and on the rule being suspended' was read a second time, and the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Gibbs in the Chair.

Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Report received.

Mr. J. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Gould, moves

That it be resolved—That while this Council heartily responds to the cry for retrenchment in the public expenditure of the Province, that has resounded from one end of Canada to the other, and believes that a very large reduction in the salaries of the public servants from the highest functionary downwards, is imperatively demanded, they conceive it to be their first duty to inquire diligently, and ascertain if "their own house is in order," and with that view order that a Committee of seven members be appointed to inquire into the nature and extent of the duties discharged by the officers of the late District Council, and the salaries hitherto received by them, and to report to the Council whether the efficiency of the public service will permit the adoption of a more economical arrangement than that existing hitherto, and that Messrs. Bridgford, Annis, Hartman, Michell, Secor, and Dr. Allison do compose the same, and report to this Council during its present sitting.

Carried.

The Warden laid on the table a communication, (enclosing several documents) from Mr. F. C. Capreol, the Manager of the Toronto, Simcoe, and Lake Huron Railway Scheme, which were read.

Mr. W. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Wadsworth, moves

That the Council do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the communication of Mr. Capreol, relative to the Toronto, Simcoe, and Lake Huron Railway.

Carried.

The Council then went into Committee of the whole,

Mr. Graham in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported a resolution.

Report received.

The resolution was read as follows:—

Resolved—That while the construction of a railroad in any part of Canada, by the use of legitimate means, would be hailed with delight by this Council, as a satisfactory evidence of the increasing prosperity of the Province, they feel it their bounden duty to record their strong disapprobation of the scheme lately propounded and now before the public for the Toronto, Simcoe, and Lake Huron Railroad, a scheme based upon and involving a principle rejected by most of the civilized nations of Europe and America, as producing effects too injurious upon the morals of a people, to be longer resorted to, even for the purposes of revenue.

They believe the sure way of eventually accomplishing the desired improvements, and building up a lasting prosperity for Canada, is to lay the foundation for the gradual accumulation of capital, by a commercial policy calculated to foster and encourage the industrial and manufacturing arts among us, stimulating industry, by largely rewarding labour, and creating those classes among our community with whom wealth accumulates, and which will then naturally seek investment in such public improvements as promise an adequate remuneration, and furnish resources for liquidating the expenses of their construction, without the necessity of having recourse to lotteries.

Adopted.

Mr. Cameron gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal several By-Laws of the late Municipal Council of the Home District.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 2nd, 1850. (Sixth Day.)

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

The Roll of names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges brought in their second report, which was received and read, relating to the matter of assessing the County for building two bridges in Albion and Chingua-cousy.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Annis, moves

That the second Report of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges be adopted.

Carried.

The Standing Committee on County property brought in a Report, which was received and read.

Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Graham, moves

That the Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Report of the Committee on County property.

Carried.

The Council went into Committee.

Mr. Hamilton in the Chair.

The Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again this day.

Report received.

The Standing Committee on Finance brought in their second Report, which was received and read.

The same Committee reported a By-Law to fix the salaries of certain County officers, which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading this day.

The Council went into Committee of the whole on the By-Law to assess the County for general purposes.

Mr. Gibbs in the Chair.

The Committee rose, and reported the By-Law.

Report received; and

On motion to suspend Rule 34 being carried, was read the third time, and passed. (See By-Laws in the Appendix.)

The By-Law to fix the salaries of certain County officers was read the second time, and the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Hartman in the Chair.

Committee rose, and reported the By-Law.

Report received, and the By-Law was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Hartman, moves

For leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain By-Laws of the Municipal Council of the late Home District.

Carried.

The By-Law was then read the first time, and

On motion to suspend the 34th rule being carried, as far as relates to the same, was read the second time, and the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. James in the Chair.

The Committee rose, and reported the By-Law.

Report received, and the By-Law was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. W. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Gould, moves

That the Council do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider the second Report of the Finance Committee.

Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the whole.

Mr. Kirkwood in the Chair.

The Committee rose, reported the Report as adopted.

Report received.

Mr. J. Gamble, seconded by Mr. McDonagh, moves

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That the Standing Committee on Education be instructed to inquire into the state of the Grammar School in the City of Toronto, and to report thereon to the Council, stating the number of Teachers, the amount of salary received by them from the Government, the number of pupils taught at that school for the last three years, together with the number now in attendance, and such other information as to the efficiency of the school as may be elicited by the inquiry.

Carried.

The Warden laid on the table the oaths of office of the two County Auditors.

The Warden read and laid on the table two communications from the County Engineer, one relating to the appointment of his partner as joint engineer; the other, relating to the Macadamized roads, &c.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, 4th February, 1850. (*Seventh Day*)

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

Roll of names called over.

Minutes of Saturday read.

The Council went into Committee of the whole to resume the consideration of the report of the Committee on County property.

Mr. Hamilton in the Chair.

The Committee rose, and reported the report as amended.

Report received.

Mr. Michell, seconded by Mr. Parker, moves

That the said Rule of this Council be dispensed with in order to permit the mover to present a petition from certain inhabitants of Pickering, relative to the survey of Frenchman's Bay.

Carried.

Mr. Michell then presented the said petition, which was read.

Mr. Michell, seconded by Mr. Parker, moves that the County Engineer be allowed to survey the Frenchman's Bay, in accordance with the prayer of the foregoing petition, and at the expense of the petitioners.

Carried.

The Warden read and laid on the table a communication from the Treasurer on the subject of his reduction of salary, &c.

The Committee on Contingent Accounts brought in a Report which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Lindsey, seconded by Mr. Kirkwood, the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Michell in the Chair.

The Committee rose, and reported the Report as adopted.

Report received.

The Committee on printing brought in a Report which was read.

Mr. McDonagh, seconded by Mr. Reesor, moves

That the Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole on the said Report.

Carried.

The Council then went into Committee of the whole.

Mr. Nelson in the Chair.

The Committee rose, and reported the Report as adopted.

Report received.

The Standing Committee on Education brought in a Report on the subject of defraying the expenses attendant upon the competition of candidates for scholarships, &c., and exhibitions at the University and Upper Canada College, which was received and read.

Mr. J. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Michell, moves

That the Report of the Standing Committee on Education be referred to a Committee of the whole forthwith.

Carried.

The Council then went into Committee of the whole.

Mr. Parker in the Chair.

Committee rose, and reported that they had risen.

On the question for receiving the Report:—

YEAS—Abercrombie, Bennett, Cameron, Ewers, Graham, Hamilton, Howard, Kirkwood, Lindsay, Price, Paxton, Stone, Secor, Sproule, Reesor, Joseph Wright, George Wright, Wadsworth, Wheeler, Wells—20.

NAYS—Annis, Allison, Bridgford, Gibbs, J. Gamble, Hartman, James, Michell, Parker, Amos Wright, Wideman—11.

Carried by a majority of nine,

And the report was received.

Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Amos Wright, moves

That the thanks of this Council are due, and that they be conveyed by the Warden to the Hon. J. H. Price, for a copy of the Journals of the Legislative Assembly, presented by him to this Council.

Carried.

Dr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Wideman, moves

That when this Council finally adjourns for the session, it stands adjourned until the second Monday in June.

Carried.

Mr. Reesor, seconded by Mr. Amos Wright, moves

That the Clerk be instructed to procure a seal for the Municipal Council of the County of York, and that the device on the seal of the late Home District Council be engraven on the same, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the cost thereof, on certificate of the Warden.

Carried.

Mr. James gives notice that he will, on to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a By-Law to repeal part of, and amend By-Law No. 215, for opening a Road on Lots 18, 17, and 16, 1st Concession, York

The Warden read and laid on the table a communication from the Auditors in reference to the reduction of their allowance, &c.

Dr. Allison, seconded by Mr. Wright, moves

That the resignation of the Auditors of this Council be accepted,

Carried.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, 5th February, 1850. (Eighth Day.)

The Council met.

The Warden in the Chair.

Names called over.

Minutes of yesterday read.

Mr. James, seconded by Mr. G. Wright, moves

For leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of, and amend part of By-Law No. 215, as far as relates to the alteration of the width of a Road, in 1st Concession, York, west of Yonge Street.

Carried.

The Bill was then read the first time, and

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On motion to suspend the 34th Rule as far as relates to the same, being carried, the Bill was read the second time, and the Council went into Committee thereon.

Mr. Price in the Chair.

The Committee rose.

The Chairman reported the Committee had risen.

Report received.

Mr. Bridgford, seconded by Mr. Amos Wright, moves

That leave be given to bring in a petition from A. B. Townley, Esq., praying to be appointed to the office of a County Auditor, and that the 53rd rule be dispensed with for that purpose.

Carried.

Mr. Bridgford then brought up the petition, which was read.

The Standing Committee on Education brought in their second report, which was received and read.

Mr. J. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Bridgford, moves

That the second report of the Standing Committee on Education be adopted, and that the Warden do order a copy to the Board of Trustees for the Home District Grammar Schools.

Mr. Reesor, seconded by Mr. Paxton, moves in amendment,

That the second report of the Committee on Education be not adopted, but that it be amended by recommending Markham Village as the site of the Grammar School yet to be built in this County.

Which was lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

The Warden read and laid on the table a second communication from the Treasurer, in reference to the duties of the office, &c.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. W. Gamble, moves

That the Warden be instructed to call the attention of Mr. Howard, the Treasurer, to his re-appointment, and to request that he be pleased to furnish the required sureties, and at the same time assure that officer that he need not be under any apprehension that the Council will knowingly do him an injustice, but when the nature and extent of his services are ascertained, an adequate remuneration no doubt will be allowed.

Carried.

The Special Committee appointed to examine and report by memorial to the Legislature, or otherwise, on the alterations required in the present County Council Act, for additional powers in the appointment of all County officers, for power in the localities to adjudicate contracts and debts not exceeding £20; also to settle disputed boundary lines, &c., &c., brought in a Memorial to the three branches of the Legislature, which was read a first time, and also the second time.

Mr. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Gould, moves

That the Council do resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the same.

Carried.

The Council went into Committee of the whole.

Mr. Paxton in the Chair.

The Committee rose, and reported the Memorial as amended.

Report received.

The Address was then read the third time.

On motion for passing,

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Cameron, moves

That the Memorial do not now pass, but that it be referred to a Committee of five members to superintend the engrossing the same, to be composed of W. Gamble, J. W. Gamble, Michell, Gibbs, and Hartman.

Carried.

After a short adjournment,

The Committee reported the Memorial which, after being again read, was passed, and signed by the Warden.

Mr. W. Gamble, seconded by Mr. Gould, moves

That a copy of the Memorial to the three branches of the Legislature be sent to Peter Perry, Esq., and request his able advocacy of the same in his place in the Legislature.

Carried.

The Warden read and laid on the table a communication from the Treasurer naming his sureties, &c.

Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Reesor, moves

That the securities offered by J. S. Howard, Esq., be accepted by the Council.

Carried.

Mr. Gould, seconded by Mr. Gamble, moves

That Mr. John Wilmot be appointed one of the County Auditors.

Carried.

The Warden informed the Council that he had appointed Mr. Robert Moore to be the other Auditor for the County.

Carried.

Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Nelson, moves

That it be resolved—That the Commissioners appointed to confer with the Executive Government on the subject of the Macadamized Roads, be instructed to request the Government, in the event of their continuing to decline the offer of the Council, that the transfer be delayed until the Members of this Council may have an opportunity of consulting their constituents upon the subject.

Carried by a majority of one.

YEAS—Bennett, Bridgford, J. Gamble, W. Gamble, Howard, Hartman, James, Michell, Nelson, Parker, Price, Reesor, Amos Wright, Wells, Wideman—15.

NAYS—Abercrombie, Cameron, Ewers, Gibbs, Gould, Graham, Hamilton, Kirkwood, Lindsey, McDonagh, Paxton, Secor, Sproule, Joseph Wright—14.

Carried by a majority of one.

The Council then adjourned until the second Monday in June.

(Signed)

FRANKLIN JACKES,

Warden, County of York.

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THE COUNTY COUNCIL, 1850.

FRANKLIN JACKES, Esq., WARDEN.

*Reeves and Deputy Reeves composing the Council, under the provisions of 12 Vic.,
Cap. 81, Sec. 33.*

<i>For Albion</i>	- - - -	Hugh Abercrombie, Reeve ; John Lindsay, Deputy Reeve.
" <i>Brock</i>	- - - -	Robert Sproule, Reeve.
" <i>Chinguacousy</i>	- - - -	George Wright, Reeve ; J. Hamilton, Deputy.
" <i>Caledon</i>	- - - -	William Stone, Reeve ; John Kirkwood, Deputy.
" <i>Etobicoke</i>	- - - -	William Gamble, Reeve ; William Wadsworth, Deputy.
" <i>Georgina</i>	- - - -	Charles H. Howard, Reeve.
" <i>Gwillimbury North</i>	- - - -	Isaac Bennett, Reeve.
" <i>Gwillimbury East</i>	- - - -	William Nelson, Reeve.
" <i>Gore of Toronto</i>	- - - -	Thomas Graham, Reeve.
" <i>King</i>	- - - -	George Hughes, Reeve ; Joseph Wells, Deputy.
" <i>Markham</i>	- - - -	Amos Wright, Reeve ; David Reesor, Deputy.
" <i>Mara and Rama</i>	- - - -	Michael McDonagh, Reeve.
" <i>Pickering</i>	- - - -	William H. Michell, Reeve ; R. A. Parker, Deputy.
" <i>Reach</i>	- - - -	Abel W. Ewers, Reeve ; Thomas Paxton, Deputy.
" <i>Scarboro'</i>	- - - -	Peter Secor, Reeve ; John V. Wheeler, Deputy.
" <i>Scott</i>	- - - -	Joseph R. Vernon, Reeve.
" <i>Toronto</i>	- - - -	James Wright, Reeve ; S. Price, Deputy.
" <i>Thorah</i>	- - - -	K. Cameron, Esq., Reeve.
" <i>Uxbridge</i>	- - - -	Joseph Gould, Reeve.
" <i>Vaughan</i>	- - - -	J. W. Gamble, Esq., Reeve ; David Bridgford, Esq., Deputy.
" <i>Whitby</i>	- - - -	Ezra Annis, Reeve ; W. Allison, Deputy.
" <i>Whitchurch</i>	- - - -	Joseph Hartman, Esq., Reeve ; H. Wideman, Esq., Deputy.
" <i>York</i>	- - - -	F. Jackes, Esq., Reeve ; W. James, Deputy.
" <i>Incorporated Village of Oshawa</i>	- - - -	Thomas N. Gibbs, Esq., Reeve.

County Officers appointed by the Council.

FRANKLIN JACKES, Esq., *Warden.*
JAMES S. HOWARD, Esq., *Treasurer.*
JOHN ELLIOT, *Clerk.*
FREDERICK CUMBERLAND, *Engineer.*
ROBERT MOORE, and } *Auditors.*
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APPENDIX.

Reports of Committees.

FIRST MEETING, 1850.

Report of the Special Committee appointed to recommend the Number and Names of the Standing Committees.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK:

Finance and Assessment.

Messrs. W. GAMBLE,
K. CAMERON,
D. REESOR,
S. PRICE,
W. WADSWORTH.

Education.

Messrs. J. GAMBLE,
W. H. MICHELL,
JOSEPH HARTMAN,
W. ALLISON,
A. WRIGHT.

Contingencies.

Messrs. GEORGE HUGHES,
J. KIRKWOOD,
J. LINDSEY,
W. NELSON,
A. W. EWERS.

House of Industry and Gaol Management.

Messrs. W. H. MICHELL,
G. WRIGHT,
J. HARTMAN,
JOSEPH WRIGHT,
JOSEPH WELLS.

Roads and Bridges.

Messrs. JOSEPH GOULD,
E. ANNIS,
T. GRAHAM,
W. JAMES,
HENRY WIDEMAN.

County Property.

Messrs. DAVID BRIDGFORD,
P. SECOR,
R. A. PARKER,
H. ABERCROMBIE,
T. N. GIBBS.

Printing.

Messrs. MICHAEL McDONAGH,
T. PAXTON,
W. STONE,
J. VERNON,
R. SPROULE.

(Signed) J. W. GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
29th January, 1850.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of the Special Committee appointed to revise the Standing Rules of the late District Council.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK:

The Special Committee appointed to revise the rules of the late Home District Council, and report how far the same may be adapted to the County Council, beg to report:

That they recommend the adoption of the said Rules entire, with the addition of the following Standing Committees, viz:

6. County Property.

7. House of Industry and Gaol Management.
All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. W. GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
29th January, 1850.
[ADOPTED.]

First Report of the Commissioners appointed to confer with the Government on the transfer of the Macadamized Roads.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK:

The Commissioners appointed by the Council to confer with the Government on the subject of the transfer of the Macadamized Roads, beg leave to report,

That at an interview, which they had this day with certain members of the Administration, they learnt that the valuation made by the Engineer of the Board of Works, of the three leading roads, (north, east and west), amounted to £115,000.

After considerable debate, and reference to the Executive Council, an offer was made, (without prejudice), of a Transfer of the said roads for the sum of £75,000, payable in 40 years, at 5 per cent interest. Your Commissioners then stated that they were of opinion the Municipal Council would not assent to that proposal, but that they thought it not impossible that the sum of £50,000 might be given, interest payable at the rate of 5 per cent. The members of the Government being still of opinion that they had named the lowest sum for which they could justly transfer the Roads, Your Committee informed them, that their proposition should be reported to the Council for its consideration.

Since the above interview, your Commissioners have discovered, that it is enacted, by 12 Vic., chap. 81., That when any Municipality shall contract a debt, means shall be shown whereby the said debt shall be paid within 20 years from the date on which it is contracted, nor will it be lawful for any debt to remain unpaid for a longer period. Under these circumstances, your Committee believe, that the Government might be induced to accept a lower amount than that which they have named, and your Committee therefore recommend that an offer of £ be made for the roads in question, interest at the rate of 5 per cent, and the principal to be paid in 20 years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. W. GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
Jan'y 29th, 1850.

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Second Report of the Commissioners appointed to confer with the Government on the transfer of the Macadamised Roads.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK.

In explanation of your Commissioners' report made yesterday, your Commissioners have now to offer to the Council detailed information relative to the value of the Macadamised Roads, their revenue, and the cost of maintenance, based upon the receipts and expenditure during the terms when they were held by the Commissioners, and by the Government respectively.

It has been ascertained, by full reference to the records, that the total income from the three roads in the year 1842, was £6,151 12s. 4d., which by a gradual increase became in 1849-50, £9,092,—showing a growth of £2,942, or about £368 per annum.

The expenditure under the Commissioners, on an average of four years (1841 to '44), was £60 18s. 3d., per mile per annum, and under the Government was £115, per mile per annum.

The estimate made by the Government Engineer for the future expenditure in repairs, is £42 per mile per annum, which reduction is considered due to the heavy outlay made upon the works during the last three years. Your Commissioners have preferred, however, taking a mean between the original outlay of the Government and the Road Commissioners, and estimate the future cost at £50 per mile per annum, a sum undoubtedly sufficient for all contingencies which may arise.

In estimating the revenue, your Commissioners have allowed only for the same annual increase which has marked the past eight years, taking the returns of 1849-50, as the basis of the calculation. It will be seen therefore, that whilst they have doubled the estimate of the expenses made by the Government Engineer, they have anticipated no greater growth of the revenue than that which has taken place during the last eight years; making a further allowance of seven per cent, as the increase of expense due to the increase of travel.

Assuming that the sum of £60,000 be paid for these works, it will be seen by the subjoined tabular statement, that the debt may be liquidated in fourteen years, solely from the accruing profits, and without recourse to any other funds, than those

which the roads themselves will yield. By 12 Vic., chap. 176, the term of twenty years is allowed for the liquidation of debt incurred or assumed by Municipal Councils; if therefore, the Council should determine upon availing itself of the full period, a portion of the surplus revenue of the roads may be retained for the construction of new works, or for other County purposes; sufficient only being carried to the sinking fund, to ensure the liquidation of the debt within the prescribed period.

Whilst your Commissioners have assumed the sum of £60,000 as that which they think the Council might offer for the works in question, it will be seen that the revenue derivable therefrom would justify a higher amount. They are of opinion however, that the Government appreciating the public benefit which would result from the management of these roads by the Council, are disposed to make as liberal an arrangement as their ascertained value will warrant; and your Commissioners would direct your attention to the powers which have recently been vested in the executive, enabling it to dispose of public works in any manner beneficial to the Province, without reference to local Municipalities, as well as to establish and levy such rates of toll thereon as they continue in the hands of Government, as shall reduce the burthen of interest, with which the Province is now chargeable in respect thereof.

In conclusion, your Commissioners would revert to the fact, that the Government are already in possession of a proposal from the Corporation of the City of Toronto, for the purchase of the most valuable portion of these works, a proposal, which although the Government had postponed action by reason of the protest of your Commissioners who claimed priority for their Council, may possibly, in the event of the County declining the transfer, be induced to entertain.

(Signed)

W. GAMBLE,

Chairman.

Committee Room,
30th Jan'y, 1850.

Year ending Dec. 31st.	Income.	EXPENDITURE.						Surplus in reduction of Debt.	Balance of Debt.
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First Report of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK.

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges beg leave to report:

That having had under their consideration the petition of the Municipality of the Township of the Gore of Toronto, praying this Council to establish the Boundary line between that Township and the Township of Etobicoke on a permanent footing, according to Law; and your Committee having given the law as much consideration as their limited time would permit, are of opinion, that the application for that purpose should emanate from the Municipality of each Township respectively, as will be seen by reference to the 12th Vic., chap. 81: section 30, and also in the 26th clause of section 31 of said Act; and that upon such application being made to this Council; this Council will then be authorized under the authority of the 12th Vic., chap. 85 and section 30, to make the necessary application to Government for that purpose, and your Committee would recommend the matter to be laid over for the present with the hope that the several Township Councils interested, will make the necessary application to this Council for that purpose, to enable this Council make an application to the Governor as the Law directs.

With reference to the petition of James Forsyth, Esq., your Committee find, that he prays for the

establishing of the Township Line between Uxbridge and Whitchurch, and as your Committee find the said petition is informal, not having emanated from the Municipality, recommend no action thereon, but would recommend the Municipality of Uxbridge and Whitchurch respectively to make the necessary application to this Council at its next session, in order, not only to open the road for the convenience of the public and travelling community, but also to put an end to disputes, disturbances, litigation and ill-feeling that has been engendered and continued for the last fifteen years along said line; also for the purpose of setting an example to other parties similarly situated.

With reference to the money prayed to be refunded by the James Forsyth, Esq., your Committee recommend the leaving of that matter to be settled in his own Township, as that Municipality may think advisable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

JOSEPH GOULD,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
31st Jan'y, 1850.

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First Report of the Finance Committee, recommending a Committee to be appointed to confer with the City Authorities as to the sum to be paid to the County for use of Gaol, &c.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK.

The Finance Committee beg leave to make this their first report:

Your Committee find on enquiry that the arrangement with the City Authorities as entered into on the 12th Feb'y, 1846, for the annual payment of the sum of six hundred pounds for the use of the Jail for City prisoners, terminated on the 1st Feb'y, 1850. Your Committee would therefore recommend that a Committee of this Council be chosen to confer with the City Authorities as to the renewal of the said arrangement, and would refer to the 200th Clause of 12 Vic., Chap. 81, which provides

for the mode to be pursued by the Council on that head.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

W. GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
31st Jan'y, 1850.

Committee Appointed:

J. GAMBLE,
W. GAMBLE,
F. JACKES.

Report of the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, on building two Bridges in Chinguacousy and Albion.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK:

The Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the By-Law to assess the County for the erection of two Bridges in Albion and Chinguacousy, beg leave to report:

That your Committee are of the opinion that it would be unjust towards other parts of the County, to levy an assessment upon the whole County for the special benefit of any one particular locality, and believing the Council to entertain the same opinion, cannot recommend the assessment contemplated and proposed by said bill.

But as it is of very great importance, and highly necessary to improve and keep in repair the Town-lines—the only County Roads in the County—your Committee would call the attention of the several Township Municipalities to the authority vested in them by By-Law No. 1, of this Council, that authorises and allows them, jointly and severally, to improve and keep in repair their respective Boundary

Lines, and also to By-Law No. 8, of the late District Council, which provides and allows the Treasurer of the County, in certain cases, to advance the sum of £25, to enable any locality to rebuild any Bridge or Bridges in case of any emergency.

Your Committee would therefore recommend, the Council to endeavour, by every possible means in their power, to get over the difficulty of improving the County Roads for the present year, without having recourse to direct taxation for that purpose.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

JOSEPH GOULD,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
2nd Feb'y, 1850.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of Standing Committee on County Property, &c.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK.

The Standing Committee on County Property, to whom was referred the County Engineer's Report, having attentively considered the same, beg leave to submit the following report, which they recommend for the adoption of this Council.

In reference to certain alterations in the Court and Judges' Rooms, suggested by the Sheriff and Judges for the greater convenience of the public business, as well as the better accommodation of this Council, your Committee would recommend that the Engineer be instructed to prepare a plan and estimate thereof, and submit the same to the Commissioners appointed under By-Law No. 172, of the late District Council, and that upon the recommendation of said Commissioners, the Engineer be authorized to execute the same previous to the next session of this Council.

Your Committee find that the present cost to the County for furnishing candles for the use of the several Courts and sessions of this Council, amounts annually to about £43, and from a letter received from the manager of the Gas Company, your Committee have ascertained that the estimated expense, for lighting the Court House with Gas, will not exceed £40, for fittings, &c., and the estimated expense for consumption will not exceed £10 per annum.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the County Engineer should, during the recess, be authorized to construct, and put up, the necessary fittings for the accomplishment of that object.

Your Committee have also to state that they have examined the condition of the old gaol, and recommend that the Commissioners appointed under By-Law No. 172, be empowered to dispose of it, by lease or otherwise, in such manner as shall be most beneficial to the County.

With reference to the application of the County Engineer, praying that he may be allowed the use of certain rooms on the ground floor of the old gaol as offices, until such rooms shall be required by the Council for other purposes, would recommend that he be allowed the use of the same.

Your Committee find that the work and repairs ordered to be done by the late District Council, to

the County property, have been executed in a satisfactory manner, but in consequence of the supply of water being irregular at the Gaol, it became necessary to provide larger cisterns, whereby the expense was increased £28 2s. 3d., they recommend that the Treasurer be authorised to pay this extra amount.

In regard to the petition of John Blair the County House Keeper, praying the Council to take into consideration the extra services he has to perform, (on account of more offices being in the Court House, as well as increase in the number of assizes held), recommend that his salary be increased £5 per annum.

Your Committee having the following accounts submitted to them for work done and articles furnished in and about the Court House, Registry Office and Gaol, and having been certified to by the County Engineer as correct and charges reasonable, recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same:

1. To Thomas Snaar, for Mason Work at Jail	£6	3	1½
2. To Jos. Crapper, Plumber	53	18	9
3. Jackson & Hay, Upholsters	4	7	3
4. Leonard, Painter	5	16	1
5. Crosby, Whitewasher	0	5	0
6. J. Baxter, Mason	3	16	0
7. Cheney & Co., Stove Pipes	3	19	6
8. J. Kidd, Stone	4	2	6
9. T. Aitkin, Mason	3	14	7
10. Smith & Widdowson, Painters	4	5	1
11. W. Thomas, Tin Smith	2	16	9
12. A. Stewart, Carpenter	64	11	9
13. R. Lewis for Cocks	0	15	0
14. P. Scott, Mason	1	19	6
15. J. Blair, for cleaning Rooms	2	7	6

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(Signed)

D. BRIDGFORD,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
Feb'y 20, 1880.

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First Report of the Standing Committee on Education, on the subject of Scholarships in the University and the Upper Canada College.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK.

The Standing Committee on Education beg leave to report, that the only matters relating to education, placed by the Municipal and School Acts under the control of the County Council, with the exception of mere routine duties to be performed by certain of the county officers, is the power to make provision for defraying the expenses of candidates attendant upon their competition for scholarships and exhibitions at the University and Upper Canada College, and to endow Fellowships, Scholarships, Exhibitions and other Prizes at those Seminaries of learning, to be open to competition amongst the pupils of the public Grammar Schools of the County.

Among the Scholarships at the University, are three reserved for each District, tenable for three years, and giving one vacancy every year; these Scholarships entitle the successful candidate to exemption from all the dues and fees during three years from the date of their election. Your Committee would recommend to the Council to make these Scholarships as valuable as the six University Scholarships, by the appropriation of a sufficient sum from the County funds, to obtain the privilege of rooms and commons without charge to the successful competitors. Your Committee have ascertained that £40 per annum for each Scholarship would be adequate for that purpose. They have also made enquiry as to the expense of placing three Exhibitions, with one annual vacancy at Upper Canada College upon the same footing, and have ascertained the amount required for that purpose to be £25 annually for each exhibition, provided exemption from fees of tuition should be accorded by the proper authority, which they have reason to believe, would be granted upon the application of this Council. Your Committee would therefore recommend the endowment of these exhibitions also. The earliest period at which candidates could be elected at the University would be in October next; supposing two then elected, one for the University, and one for the Upper Canada College, the first payment amounting to £21 13s.

4d., would be due in January following, and a like sum at the termination of each term of the first year, £65 in all. For the second year £130, for the third £195—after which time that sum would be the annual charge. In recommending this appropriation from the County funds for the encouragement of learning among the youth of this county, your Committee are of opinion, that the superior education obtained by the successful competitors will be the least of the advantages derived from these endowments—they will prove a strong stimulant to exertion among all the Scholars of the several Grammar Schools of the County, and the standard which the competitors must reach to entitle them to election, cannot fail to give a high character to the institutions where they received previous instruction. In conclusion, your Committee deem it more advisable to make these endowments tenable but for one year, the continuance of the advantages to depend on an annual examination, it having been stated to your Committee, that the holders of the three years' Scholarships, having once obtained them, are apt to relax their efforts in their after course. With respect to the subject of assessing the County for the erection of Grammar Schools, referred to this Committee, it appears, that the expense of erecting those at Newmarket and Streetsville have been defrayed by voluntary contribution, and it would hardly be just to make that of the Townships of Whitby alone chargeable upon the funds of the County; at the same time it is also worthy of remark, that the condition attached by the 4th and 5th Vic., chap. 19, requires the inhabitants of the locality, where a Grammar School may be established to provide a suitable School House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

J. W. GAMBLE,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
Feb'y 4th, 1850.

Report of the Standing Committee on Contingent Accounts.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK:

The Standing Committee on Contingent Accounts having examined the several Bills submitted to them, containing the various items of expenses incurred by the sitting of the Council, and other matters involving expenditure of money, recommend that the following mentioned sums be paid by the Treasurer on warrant of the Warden, viz:—

To the Postmaster for postages for the half year ending 5th Jan., 1850,	£6 15 9
To Brewer & McPhail, for stationery, binding, &c.	2 16 7½
To Sabine & Co., for chloride of lime,	0 2 6
To Scobie & Co., for printing tenders,	0 10 6
To J. Lee, for lime,	0 2 6
To the Clerk for sundries paid	0 7 6
To Shaw & Turnbull, for canvas, &c.	1 2 11
To Freeland & Taylor, for soap,	0 5 0

To F. Cumberland, for sundry expenses	0 4 8
To W. Henderson & Co., for candles,	1 3 6
To C. Donlevy, for printing rules, ...	2 2 6
To J. Mulholland, for a utensil,	0 5 0
To Calvin Davis, constable,	2 10 0
To John Blair, doorkeeper,	2 10 0
	£20 18 11½

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOHN LINDSEY,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
2nd Feb., 1850.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK:

The Standing Committee on Printing having taken into consideration the communication of the Clerk on the subject of the printing of the Minutes, By-Laws, &c., also in regard to the expenditure of a small sum, in order to complete some more copies of the proceedings of the late District Council, they would recommend to the Council to authorize the Clerk to get printed, at the lowest possible expense, a sufficient number of copies of the Minutes, By-Laws, &c., of the present Council, to supply one to each qualified Magistrate, two to each Reeve, and two to each Deputy, and one to each remaining Township Councillor, and one to each Township Clerk, say 500 in the whole. And they further recommend that the Clerk be authorized to com-

plete the copies in hand of the Minutes and Appendix of the late District Council, the expense of which has been estimated at about £15—that is, by reprinting the proceedings of part of the first year and part of the last year, which in the first instance was not done, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expense of said work.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) M. McDONAGH,
Chairman.

Committee Room,
Feb. 2, 1850.

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Report of the Standing Committee on Education, recommending the site of a Grammar School at Richmond Hill.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK:

The Standing Committee on Education beg to report, that they have had before them one of the Trustees of the Home District Grammar Schools, from whom they have ascertained that the funds placed at their disposal by the Executive Government applicable to the support of Grammar Schools in said District, are in such excess as to permit the establishment of a fourth Grammar School in this County, in accordance with the 4th & 5th Vic., chap. 10.

Your Committee recommend that the Council do now come to a decision as to the most fitting locality for the proposed new school. From the best in-

formation within the reach of your Committee, they are led to the conclusion, that the selection of Richmond Hill as to the Site, would be well adapted to meet the wants of the County Community; and the situation such as to afford the benefit of a Grammar School Education to a larger number of pupils than any other locality, in which such school is at present established.

(Signed)

J. W. GAMBLE,

Chairman.

Committee Room,
5th Feb'y, 1850.

[ADOPTED.]

Report of the Committee appointed to draft an Address to the Legislature, praying for Amendments in the County Council Act.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK:

The Select Committee appointed to draft the Memorial to the Legislature, praying for certain alterations in the new Municipal Corporations' Act, and for additional power to be conferred upon the Council, submit the following memorial:—

(Signed)

J. W. GAMBLE,

Chairman.

Committee Room,
5th Feb., 1850.

The Memorial of the Municipal Council of the County of York, in Council assembled,
Respectfully sheweth;

That this Council has had under its consideration the Acts of the last Legislature, 12 Vic., Chap. 81 and 82; and, in order to the harmonious and beneficial working of the same, beg leave to suggest certain alterations and amendments; and believing that the principle upon which 12 Vic., Chap. 81, is based, is that of local self-government, the principle of which this Council most heartily approves, allowing the various Municipalities to manage their own affairs, do not hesitate to point out, and ask for alterations, which appear to this Council requisite, in order to carry out the same. And this Council would re-echo the opinion embodied in a former Address: "That the authorities who raise the revenues, and are responsible to those who pay them, should have the whole and entire control and expenditure of the same." And they further express their opinion, that all local revenue derived

from sources within the Municipalities, should be placed under the control of the Municipal bodies respectively.

The Council of the County of York would farther suggest, that the proper and legitimate channel for all public monies received, raised, levied and collected within any municipality to pass through, would be the Treasurer of such locality, to be by him paid over to the County Treasurer, or, as may be otherwise directed by such municipalities; and would express the opinion that the system, as laid down by statute, is open to grave and serious objections, and therefore pray that it may be amended.

It appears also to this Council, that clauses 12 and 16 of 12 Vic. Chap. 81 are in contradiction to each other, as clause 12 requires 100 freeholders to be on the Collector's Roll before any separation or Union of Townships can take place, whereas clause 16 provides that such severance of Townships may take place when fifty names are upon the Collector's Roll. The property qualification of Assessors may also be dispensed with other than may be determined upon by the several municipalities at their discretion; as in many Townships parties are to be found well calculated to discharge that duty, who are not possessed of the amount of property required by the statute. While upon the subject of assessment your memorialists would earnestly suggest to your Hon. Body, the propriety of providing for a more just and equitable mode of assessment generally. They also consider the statute directing the rolls to be delivered to, and sworn before, the Clerk of the Peace, to be unnecessary, as

the same object may be obtained within each municipality.

In 12 Vic., Chap. 83, clause 12, section 7, is difficult of comprehension and requires explanation. The County Council are also of opinion that the provision for trying and deciding contested elections, occurring in municipalities, may be altered with advantage, and the power of adjudicating upon the same, placed in the municipalities respectively, where it may be speedily determined with but little cost to the parties.

The late Home District Council also addressed a memorial to your Hon. Body, on the 31st of January 1849, expressing the opinion that the appointment of all County Officers should be placed at their disposal, to which document the County Council would respectfully beg leave to refer, (a copy of which is attached hereto.) and desire to reiterate the opinions and sentiments therein contained; and cannot help alluding to the inconsistency of allowing an irresponsible body of Justices of the Peace in Quarter Sessions assembled, passing accounts which are paid out of the County Treasury, without reference to the County Council; and would strongly recommend the amalgamation of the offices of Clerk of the Peace and County Clerk, by which a clashing of duties may be avoided, and a considerable saving effected to the revenues of the County.

The County Council desire to record their opinion that a cheaper and more extended system of adju-

dicating upon matters of contracts and debt, with power similar to the present Division Courts to decide on amounts of twenty-five pounds and under in open accounts, and to the extent of fifty pounds on promissory notes, to be held within each municipality, at such time and place as the municipal corporations shall direct, to be presided over by a Judge chosen from the legal profession, whose remuneration shall be by fees chargeable on the litigants, is imperatively called for; as well as the establishment of a Court to take cognizance of disputed boundaries within municipalities, from whose decision there shall be an appeal; and would recommend that when disputes of that nature arise, that the parties at issue be authorized to choose each a licensed Surveyor, and that the two latter name a third licensed Surveyor, who shall decide the matter at issue, and from whose decision there shall be no appeal. And this Council would refer to the memorial to your Honorable Body from the late Home District Council, under date of the 1st of July, 1848, on that head.

The Council would call the attention of the Legislature to the necessity that exists that some mode of registry of births, and deaths, as well as marriages, in each municipal corporation, should be adopted, compelling the inhabitants, under fine, to register with the Clerk of such municipality, all such occurrences, who shall report periodically to the Clerk of the County Council, in order to the better establishment of titles of inheritance.

Second Report of the Finance Committee on the various matters referred, with Financial Statements appended.

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF YORK:

The Standing Committee on Finance beg leave to make their second report.

Your Committee have had under their consideration the various documents and papers referable to the Finance Committee. The first in order to which they would direct the attention of the Council, is the communication from the Treasurer of the County, J. S. Howard, Esq. This document, together with the various statements accompanying it, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, exhibiting the Road Tax due to the several townships, statement of bridge loans, Abstract of the financial affairs of York, Cash statement of the same, and an estimate of the amount required to be assessed on the County for

general purposes, together with a communication addressed to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, with a tabular statement of the rise and progress of the County, from its earliest settlement to the present time, affording much valuable information, all of which your Committee would recommend being printed in the Minutes of the Council in detail.

Your Committee recommend that the Treasurer be directed to make the usual financial arrangements with the Bank of Upper Canada, as alluded to in his communication, that in case of necessity, the revenues of the County may be anticipated.

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Secretary of the Province, enclosing an account for books furnished the Registry Office of the County, your Committee recommend the Treasurer be directed to pay the same, in accordance with the Act 9 Vic., Cap. 34.

The offer for the east half of Lot No. 3, 1st Con. Scout, sold to Robert Bellamy, as he has not fulfilled the terms of the sale, your Committee recommend that the offer of Benjamin B. Armstrong be acceded to, of ten shillings and sixpence an acre, ten pounds payable in advance, and the residue in four annual instalments, with interest.

Your Committee also recommend that the Absentee Tax, heretofore applied to the general purposes of the District, be carried to the credit of the various townships to which it belongs, by the Treasurer of the County, and paid to the order of Township Treasurers when duly accredited.

Your Committee have directed their attention to the report of the District Auditors, and the various

accounts and vouchers accompanying the same, together with the return of the expenses for the erection of a Lock-up house in the Township of Markham, which does not call for any particular action or remark on the part of your Committee.

Your Committee would direct the attention of the Council to the want of information that exists as to the period "the Tavern License Fund" will be applicable to the resources of this County, and direct that the Warden do communicate with the Government on that head.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) W. GAMBLE,
Chairman, Finance Com.

Committee Room,
Feb. 2, 1850.

[ADOPTED.]

**STATEMENT of outstanding Revenues and Liabilities of the County of York, late Home District,
on the 31st December, 1849.**

REVENUES.			LIABILITIES.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Taxes for General purposes.....	300	5 2	Excess of Expenditure over Receipts, on the		
Bridge Loans, assessed.....	21	6 11	31st Dec., 1849.....	3004	1 9
Do. do. unassessed.....	70	0 0	Salaries.....	136	5 0
School Section Loan.....	5	2 7	Appropriation to Roads, &c.....	105	12 9
Mortgages yet unpaid.....	700	0 0	Collectors.....	60	2 0
City of Toronto, for 1849.....	600	0 0	Town Clerks.....	118	0 0
Rents of Court House Lots.....	17	10 0	Interest to Bank of Upper Canada.....	127	11 3
Government, for Criminal Justice Expenses.....	1098	0 0	Government, for Books for Registry.....	27	8 0
Interest due on Mortgages.....	58	0 0	District Council Accounts.....	30	4 0
			Members of do. Allowance.....	4	7 6
Balance of Liabilities to 1850.....			Criminal Justice Expenses.....	373	0 2
			Quarter Sessions Accounts.....	107	17 2
			Repairs of County Buildings.....	180	0 0
				1320	7 10
				4324	9 7
			Balance of Liabilities brought down.....	1453	14 11

J. S. HOWARD,
Treasurer, County of York.

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J. S. HOWARD.
Treasurer, County of York.

WILLIAM GAMBLE, Esq.,

*Chairman of Finance Committee.*TREASURER'S OFFICE, COUNTY OF YORK,
January, 30, 1850.

Sir :

The interest which the County Council is supposed to take in all matters relating to the County—its progress in wealth, manufactures, agriculture, arts and sciences, is the apology which I make for obtruding on you, Sir, the result of some investigations and calculations, designed to exhibit the advances which the County of York has made, from its first organization as a District, down to the year 1848, when the last census or statistics were obtained. In 1801 the population was only 942; in 1848 it had increased to 83,000! making an average annual increase in the 47 years, of 1,746, or a total of 82,058! The cultivated land in the same year was supposed to be but 4,281 acres, while in 1848 it had reached to 376,909 acres. The assessed value of property in 1801, would amount to £12,555; but in 1848 it amounted to £1,105,396. The great increase in the value of land is strongly illustrative of the progress made. When the assessment law of 1819 was passed, the Legislature estimated cultivated lands, on an average, at 20s. per acre, and uncultivated at four shillings; in 1848 the people themselves valued the former at £5 15s. 5d., per acre, and the latter at £3 3s. 3d.,—nearly 500 per cent advance on cultivated, and nearly 1500 per cent on uncultivated. But to shew

in addition the rapid progress, it is only necessary to take one example out of many, and that is, that the entire taxes of the now populous and wealthy townships of Whitby and Pickering in 1801, amounted together only to £3 0s. 3d., while in 1848, the former paid £864 15s. 5d., and the latter £695 18s. 3d., making altogether £1560 13s. 6d.

The growth of the City in wealth and population, (only 336 in 1801), possessing as it does no natural advantages beyond that of a good harbour, is also strongly indicative of that of the District from which it has derived its main support. The wealth, however, of the County and its comparative progress, will appear in a more tangible form in the accompanying Tables, to which I beg reference, and which exclusive of the property described in the heading, and necessarily omitted for want of information as to its value, shews, on the estimate made, real property to the amount of £4,992,236; personal property £1,206,487, and the products of 1848, £517,359; making a grand total of six millions, seven hundred and sixteen thousand, six hundred and eighty-two pounds!

With great respect,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very ob't serv't,

J. S. HOWARD,

Treasurer, County of York.

TABULAR VIEW of the progress of the Home District, in Population, Cultivated Land, and the Assessed Value of Property, between 1801 and 1848.

	1801.			1811.			1821.			1831.			1841.			1848.		
	Population.	Acres Cultivated.	Value of Assessed Property.	Population.	Acres Cultivated.	Value of Assessed Property.	Population.	Acres Cultivated.	Value of Assessed Property.	Population.	Acres Cultivated.	Value of Assessed Property.	Population.	Acres Cultivated.	Value of Assessed Property.	Population.	Acres Cultivated.	Value of Assessed Property.
Albany	942	425	19,535	4196	2,420	11,613	530	2,219	7,160	1,347	5,378	17,200	2,620	13,331	31,838	3,728	19,024	50,156
Brooklyn	43	1,006	3,180	409	2,434	11,318	803	2,934	11,318	2,732	14,112	40,263	4,601	25,186	73,089	6,328	32,340	96,062
Manhattan	96	409	2,434	1,519	5,509	90,567	2,934	11,318	11,318	2,732	14,112	40,263	4,601	25,186	73,089	6,328	32,340	96,062
Westchester	48	1,773	6,965	728	3,933	11,387	1,731	6,094	24,723	3,921	17,273	62,051	3,921	17,273	62,051	4,113	13,051	56,914
White Plains	67	363	3,156	633	1,634	7,975	1,882	6,887	23,774	5,151	24,918	73,737	4,081	21,723	76,929	7,120	38,685	97,663
York	942	425	19,535	4196	2,420	11,613	530	2,219	7,160	1,347	5,378	17,200	2,620	13,331	31,838	3,728	19,024	50,156
Total	1942	4925	119,535	11,286	39,739	152,990	25,667	101,290	353,486	52,825	253,708	740,963	52,825	253,708	740,963	52,825	253,708	740,963

1801	942	4,281	12,535
1811	4,196	14,576	65,784
1821	11,286	39,739	152,990
1831	25,667	101,290	353,486
1841	52,825	253,708	740,963
1848	53,000	276,909	1,105,396

TABULAR STATEMENT of the Amount and Value of Property in the Home District, in 1848, exclusive of ungranted or unoccupied Land, unassessed Houses, as Fulling and Carding Mills, Woollen Factories, Foundries, Tanneries, Distilleries, Breweries, Taverns, Pot Asheries, Paper Manufactories, Public Buildings, such as Churches, Colleges, School Houses, all Cattle under two years old, Farming and other Implements, and Merchants' Stocks, &c., &c.

No.	Description.	Rate.	Amount.	Total.
			£.	
596,273	Acres uncultivated	63s. 3d.	1,885,712	
376,969	Do. cultivated	115s. 5d.	2,175,424	
790	Square Log Houses	£50	39,500	
4,193	Frame Houses under two stories	£50	209,650	
115	Square Timber Houses under two stories	£60	6,900	
586	Frame, Brick, or Stone, one story	£150	87,900	
1,195	Frame, Brick, or Stone, two stories	£250	298,750	
223	Grist Mills	£1,000	223,000	
287	Saw Mills	£100	28,700	
236	Merchants' Shops	£150	35,400	
19	Store Houses	£100	1,900	
	Total of real property			£4,992,286
52	Entire Horses	£50	2,600	
16,252	Horses	15	243,780	
6,586	Oxen	5	32,930	
28,556	Cows	4	114,224	
8,879	Cattle, two to four years old	2	17,758	
8	Close Carriages	100	800	
122	Phetons, &c., four wheels	30	3,660	
457	Pleasure Waggon	20	9,140	
138	Two wheel Carriages and Gigs	25	3,450	
104,997	Sheep	5s.	26,249	
70,293	Hogs	10s.	35,146	
	Wearing Apparel and Furniture of 14,335 Houses or Families	£50	716,750	
	Total value of Personal Property			£1,306,487
1,451,384	Bushels of Wheat	3s. 6d.	253,992	
110,819	" Barley	2s.	11,081	
23,482	" Rye	2s.	2,348	
33,480	" Corn	2s.	3,348	
1,326,935	" Oats	1s. 3d.	76,346	
10,536	" Buckwheat	2s.	1,053	
423,604	" Potatoes	1s. 3d.	26,475	
364,663	Pounds of Maple Sugar	4d.	6,077	
119,002	" Cheese	6d.	2,990	
42,500	" Butter	6d.	10,707	
14,563	Barrels of Beef and Pork	40s.	29,126	
314,662	Pounds of Wool	1s.	15,733	
62,467	Cwts. Potash	25s.	78,003	
	Total of Products of 1848			£517,359
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BY-LAWS.

PASSED FIRST MEETING, 1850.

[No. 1.]

A BY-LAW

To fix the allowance to be paid to Town Reeves and Deputy Reeves.

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of York, That it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer of this County, and he is hereby authorized, and required, out of the County funds in his possession, to pay to each Town Reeve, and to each Deputy Town Reeve, entitled by law to sit in the County Council, the sum of seven shillings and sixpence for each day he shall have been in attendance during the present Meeting; and the like sum for each day he shall be in attendance during the adjourned Meetings, or at any special Meeting

or Meetings which may be called by the Warden during the present year; and also the sum of three pence for every mile he may necessarily travel in coming to, and returning from, the place of Meeting of the said County Council, upon certificate of the Warden.

(Signed)

FRANKLIN JACKES,
Warden, C. Y.

Passed 1st Feb'y, 1850.

J. ELLIOT, Clerk.

[No. 2.]

A BY-LAW

To provide for keeping in repair Roads and Bridges lying between two Municipalities, &c.

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of York, That from and after the passing of this By-Law, that if the Councils of any two adjoining Municipalities deem it expedient for the better maintenance of the Roads and Bridges lying between such Municipalities, they may and are hereby authorized to open, maintain and improve such Roads and Bridges, by directing the application of Statute Labour thereon, as well as such other means as they may from time to time have at their disposal.

2. And be it further enacted, That when such Municipalities shall have so taken in hand the improving of such roads as aforesaid, it shall be their duty, and they are hereby authorised to protect and

preserve any timber, stone, sand or gravel growing or being thereon, or to dispose of the same for the benefit of such road, and regulate the driving or riding thereon, or other use of the same and this notwithstanding that the line of such Road or Bridge, shall, or may occasionally deviate from its course between such Municipalities, and in some parts thereof, may lie wholly within one of such Municipalities.

(Signed)

FRANKLIN JACKES,
Warden, C. Y.

Passed 1st Feb'y, 1850.

J. ELLIOT, Clerk.

[No. 3.]

A B Y-L A W

To provide for taking the Census in 1850.

Whereas, the 10th & 11th Vic., chap. 14, enacts that a general Census shall be taken in the months of February and March in the year 1850; And by the said Act, it is further enacted, that it shall be the duty of the several District Councils in Upper Canada, to set off and apportion each Township into Enumeration divisions, and to appoint one or more fit and proper persons as Enumerators in the division so set off, and to fix the amount for performing their duties,

1. *Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of York,* That each township or union of townships, and the incorporated Village of Oshawa in the County of York, shall be an Enumeration Division for the purposes of the said Act, and that the Assessor or Assessors appointed or to be appointed for the present year by the several Municipalities be, and they are hereby appointed Enumerators, whose duty it shall be to take the Census, and obtain the statistical information in such manner and form as is prescribed by the Board of Statistics appointed by said Act, to follow out the instructions given by said Board, and in all respects to carry out the intent and meaning of the said recited Act.

2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* that in the event of any or either of the Enumerators hereby appointed neglecting or refusing to perform their duties as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for the Municipal Councils of the several Townships or Village to appoint some other fit and proper person or persons in the place and stead of such Enumerator or Enumerators so neglecting or refusing, and who shall have the same power and authority, and shall be under the same

responsibility as if appointed by the County Council.

3. *And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* that the said several Enumerators hereby appointed, or who may hereafter be appointed as aforesaid, shall be entitled to receive for performing the duties imposed upon them by this By-Law, a sum equivalent to one half of the sum allowed for assessing their several Townships and Vilages, to be paid to him or them by the Treasurer of the County, upon his producing a certificate signed by the Clerk of the Peace to the effect that he has performed said duty as the law directs, and in accordance with the instructions of the said Board of Statistics: And that so much of By-Laws No. 25, 138 and 164 as relates to remunerating the Assessors for taking the Census be, and the same is hereby repealed.

4. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That in the event of any one or more of the above appointed Enumerators neglecting or refusing to act, and if it should be found necessary to have some other person or persons appointed as above provided who should not be an Assessor, then and in that case it shall and may be lawful for such Enumerator so appointed, to demand and receive from the Treasurer, a sum equal to that paid to the Assessor of his or their Township or Townships respectively for such services performed.

(Signed) FRANKLIN JACKES,
Warden, C. Y.

Passed 1st Feb'y, 1850. J. ELLIOT, Clerk.

[No. 4.]

A B Y-L A W

To assess the Inhabitants of the County of York for County purposes.

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of York, That there be raised, levied and collected in the same manner as heretofore, on all rateable property belonging to the Inhabitants of the County of York liable to be assessed during the present year, over and above all other Rates and Assessments imposed, or to be imposed by the several Municipalities in the said County, a sum not exceeding one-half penny in the pound, to be applied

in keeping and repairing the County Court House and Jail, and for all other purposes chargeable by law upon the said County during the current year.

(Signed) FRANKLIN JACKES,
Warden, C. Y.

Passed 2nd Feb'y, 1850. J. ELLIOT, Clerk.

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[No. 5.]

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To fix the Salaries of certain County Officers.

1. *Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of York*, And it is hereby enacted, that there shall be allowed and paid to the several officers appointed by the County Council, the following yearly Salaries and Allowances, out of the Funds or Revenues of the County of York, for the due and faithful performance and fulfilment of their respective duties as such officers, respectively, that is to say,

To the *Treasurer*, in lieu of all per centages chargeable on moneys payable for County purposes, the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

To the *County Clerk* the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Five Pounds.

To the *County Engineer* the sum of One Hundred Pounds.

To the *County Auditors* each the sum of Ten Pounds.

2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful for the Treasurer of the County, and he is hereby authorized, quarterly, to retain for his own use, out of the general funds revenues of the County, which

shall come into his hands, the proportion of his salary hereinbefore mentioned, and to pay quarterly to the other officers, the several and respective salaries or allowances, also hereinbefore mentioned, out of the like funds, and that this By-Law shall be a sufficient Warrant and Authority to the Treasurer to retain and pay the said Salaries and Allowances; such Salaries and Allowances to be computed from the first day of January, 1850: And that By-Law No. 133 of the late District Council be, and the same is hereby repealed.

3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the offices of the Treasurer, Clerk of the Peace, and Clerk of the County Council be considered as County Public Offices, and kept open and attended for the general business of the County, during the usual hours, viz: from Ten to Three o'clock, (Sundays and the usual public Holidays excepted).

(Signed)

FRANKLIN JACKES,
Warden, C. Y.

Passed 2d Feb'y, 1850.

J. ELLIOT, Clerk.

[No. 6.]

A B Y-L A W

To Repeal the 1st and 4th clauses of By-law No. 25, as far as relates to allowances to Town Clerks and Pound-keepers, and the whole of By-laws Nos. 42, 86, and 89, of the late District Council.

Be it enacted by the Municipal Council of the County of York, That so much of By-Law No. 25, of the Municipal Council of the late Home District, as regulated the Salaries and fees to be received by the Township Clerks and Pound Keepers of the several Townships of this County—together with By-Laws No. 42, entitled a By-Law to authorize the sale of Stone, Timber, Sand, Earth and other materials upon Highways and Road Allowances, and for other purposes therein named—No. 86,

entitled a By-Law to authorize the inhabitants of Newmarket to commute their Statute Labour, and No. 89, entitled a By-Law to tax the owners of Dogs be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

(Signed)

FRANKLIN JACKES,
Warden, C. Y.

Passed 2nd Feb'y, 1850.

J. ELLIOT, Clerk.

VAL-YE A

To fit the Salaries of certain Civilian Officers.

FRANKLIN LAMING,
Hampden, Ct.
J. Milton, Clerk.

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To inspect the same and its closure at Section No. 25, as far as relates to enclosures to Town Clerk and Board of Public Works, and so on the United Council.

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